

propagation of Hindi as official language and encouragement of Hindi correspondence;

(b) the number of such posts lying vacant and since when; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the steps taken to fill up such posts urgently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) The number of posts created in the Department of Heavy Industry and Department of Public Enterprises under the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises is as under:—

Department of Heavy Industry

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| Assistant Director (Official Language) | — | 1 |
| Senior Hindi Translator | — | 1 |
| Junior Translators | — | 3 |

Department of Public Enterprises

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| Assistant Director (Official Language) | — | 1 |
| Senior Hindi Translator | — | 1 |
| Junior Translators | — | 2 |

All these above posts are filled.

Data pertaining to Public Sector Enterprises under Department of Heavy Industry is being collected.

Mobilising of Resources by Bharat Brakes

404. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Ailing Bharat Brakes takes land sale route to mobilise resources" appeared in the Times of India (Kolkata) dated 18th January, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the decision was taken because of lack of support from the Centre and financial institutions, as reportedly stated in the letter from General Manager;

(c) if not, the reason therefor;

(d) the status of revival scheme sanctioned by BIFR;

- (e) whether sale of land is a part of revival package approved by BIFR; and
- (f) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government of India had extended all the reliefs and concessions required for the implementation of BIFR sanctioned revival scheme of BBVL. BIFR had reviewed the implementation of the scheme in a hearing held on 2.11.1999. BIFR observed that the company had continued to incur heavy losses in spite of the implementation of the scheme mainly due to drastic reduction in the prices of its products and adverse business scenario. It directed the management to explore possibility of collaboration with another local or foreign company whereby the benefits of technology could be obtained. It further directed that the possibility of joint venture with a private sector company as a co-promoter may be explored. Action with regard to joint venture formation is already on.

(e) and (f) The sale of land is not a part of revival scheme sanctioned by BIFR. As the company was facing grave financial crisis, it decided to explore possibilities of disposal of its Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) raising resources after taking the prior permission of various concerned agencies including BIFR. However, no final decision has been taken on this so far.

Ban on telecasting of obscene programmes

405. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRIMATI KUMKUM RAI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the action taken/proposed to ban obscene telecast and programmes that are against the Indian ethics and culture; and
- (b) other actions proposed to enforce strict codes for foreign channels?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) As per the provisions of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, the programme of satellite channels, when transmitted through cable networks, are required to adhere to the prescribed programme and advertisement codes. In case of violation by any channel of these codes, the Ministry will notify such channel for prohibiting its